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Buenos Aires, Argentina

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Dear Mr. Friedman:

As you know, UNESCO recently held a meeting in Paris to deal with individual human rights complaints. Argentine cases are described in Paris 29327.

One of the cases discussed concerned a student Oscar Ernesto Cocca Astrada, who is on our Embassy's list. He reportedly disappeared in Cordoba in May, 1977. The GOA argued against UNESCO's taking up his case on the grounds that no information existed on how he disappeared. The Committee decided to keep the case pending until further information was received.

Because this case is on the Embassy list, I would very much appreciate receiving any information the Embassy might have on the reported disappearance of this student. UNESCO has privately asked the US for information since the family submitted a letter from HA to UNESCO as part of their file. The student has relatives in Buenos Aires as reported in State 167736. In addition to Embassy files, or information from his relatives, private human rights groups like the Permanent Assembly might have information.

Thank you for the attention you give to this matter.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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